

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 1198

SPONSOR: Senator Clary

SUBJECT: Florida Educational Specialty License Plate

DATE: March 9, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Eichin</u>	<u>Meyer</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>Keating</u>	<u>Johansen</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	_____	_____	<u>ATD</u>	_____
4.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

This bill increases the annual use fee for the Florida Educational specialty license plate from \$15 to \$20.

This bill amends section 320.08056 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Section 320.08056(4)(h), F.S., provides for a \$15 annual use fee for the Florida Educational specialty license plate. Section 320.08058(8), F.S., provides that Florida Educational specialty license plate use fee revenues are to be distributed annually as follows:

- In each school district that has a district pre-kindergarten through grade 12 public school foundation or a direct-support organization (DSO), the moneys raised in that school district through the sale of Florida Educational license plates must be distributed to the foundation or DSO for enhancing educational programs.
- In each school district that does not have a district pre-kindergarten through grade 12 public school foundation or DSO, the moneys raised in that school district through the sale of Florida Educational license plates must be distributed to the district school board and must be used at the discretion of the board for enhancing educational programs.

The Florida Educational specialty license plate has been available since 1994. According to the Florida Department of Education, over the past ten years, 99,651 new plates have been sold and 241,894 renewals have been issued. As a result, \$5,123,175 has been collected and distributed to

pre-kindergarten through grade 12 public school foundations, direct-support organizations, or school boards for enhancing education programs.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. The bill amends s. 320.08056(4)(h), F.S., to increase the annual use fee for the Florida Educational specialty license plate from \$15 to \$20.

Section 2. The bill shall take effect July 1, 2004.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

The annual use fee for the Florida Educational specialty license plate will increase from \$15 to \$20. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reports issuing the following number of Florida Educational specialty license plates for the past five fiscal years¹:

2002-2003	39,925
2001-2002	39,066
2000-2001	41,366
1999-2000	39,650
1998-1999	41,402

Assuming the rate of new issuances and renewals continues, the increase in the registration fee will raise an estimated \$200,000.

¹ Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle, Revenue Report for Fiscal Years 1998-1999 through 2002-2003.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Each consumer who voluntarily purchases or renews a Florida Educational license plate will incur an additional \$5 cost.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The increase in the annual use fee is estimated to raise an additional \$200,000. These funds will be distributed to district education foundations, direct-support organizations, or district school boards.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.